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*From The Secretary of State for Wales*

28 November 1986

*John Willie*

SOUTH CARDIFF URBAN RENEWAL

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Thank you for your letter of 24 November about my proposals for South Cardiff.

I recognise the need to let members of QL have details of the legislative implications of my barrage proposal as soon as possible. The options for the Bill to construct the barrage are still open but it seems clear that it will be either a Hybrid Bill brought forward by my Department or a Local Bill promoted by the South Glamorgan County Council. My recent experience of Hybrid Bills with the Conwy Tunnel Act make me fully aware of the importance of carefully thinking through from the start the legislative timetable of such a Bill.

The County Council have offered to promote a Bill, but before entering into detailed discussions with them I thought it only right that we should decide on the concept of a barrage. Once that decision is taken, following our discussion in E(A) on 1 December, and I have considered the options further in discussion with the County Council, I will put my proposals to QL very quickly. However, should it prove desirable to opt for a Hybrid Bill I would hope that the very sparse use I have made of legislative time would allow it to be given a fair wind.

/ I am copying this to the Prime Minister, members of E(A), the Chief Whip, Richard Luce and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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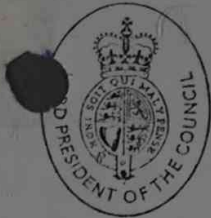
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24 November 1986

Dear Nick

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SOUTH CARDIFF URBAN RENEWAL

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~~ELG ON STOP~~

I have now seen your minute of 13 November to the Prime Minister about South Cardiff urban renewal. I have also seen John MacGregor's minute of 17 November, John Biffen's minute of 19 November and the Prime Minister's comments as recorded in David Norgrove's letter of 19 November.

I think it would be most helpful if in addition to the assessment of financial implications proposed before a meeting is called we also had a further assessment of the legislative implications. Experience with both the Channel Tunnel and Dartford Crossing projects has shown that the legislative timetable has to be carefully thought through from the start. I would be grateful if you would let members of QL have further details of how you would intend to proceed as soon as possible.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Prime Minister, the members of E(A), the Chief Whip, the Minister of State, Privy Council Office (Mr Luce) and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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